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Amendments to the Claims

1. (Currently amended) A head massager comprising:
a bundle of malleable rods having a top member within which the top end of the bundle of rods is fixed and the rods are free at the bottom end of the bundle[.];
a handle including a top half and a bottom half articulated together, the bottom half defining a lower recess receiving the top member fixed therein[.];
a motor having an output shaft on which is eccentrically mounted a magnet mounted in the bottom half with the eccentrically mounted magnet lying in juxtaposition to but spaced from the top member[.];
a battery receiving plate mounted in the bottom half[.];
an electrical circuit coupling the battery receiving plate and motor[.];
a switch mounted in the bottom half[.]; and
a manually operable switch actuator mounted in the top half for actuating the switch to enable power to be supplied to the motor when batteries are mounted on the battery receiving plate.
2. (Original) A head massager according to claim 1 wherein the top half is transparent.
3. (Original) A head massager according to claim 1 wherein the handle is decorated with figures.
4. (Original) A head massager according to claim 3 wherein the bottom half is decorated with the face of a wizard.
5. (Original) A head massager according to claim 1 wherein a readily attachable and detachable latch couples the top half to the bottom half.

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6. (Original) A head massager according to claim 1 wherein the switch includes a spring biased plunger.

7. (Original) A head massager according to claim 1 wherein the manually operable switch actuator includes a spring biased push button and actuating rod for contacting and closing the switch.

8. (Original) A head massager according to claim 1 wherein the bottom half includes an end cap containing the recess.

9. (Original) A head massager according to claim 1 wherein the bundle of rods contains rods of three different lengths.

10. (Original) A head massager according to claim 9 wherein a visual indicator is marked on the bundle of rods showing where bends occur during rod deployment.

11. (Original) A head massager according to claim 10 wherein one visual indicator is marked on the rods about $\frac{1}{4}$ of the length of the longest rods from the handle, and a second visual indicator is marked on the longest rods $\frac{3}{4}$ of their length from the handle.

12. (Original) A head massager according to claim 1 wherein protective coverings are mounted on the free ends of the rods.

13. (Original) A head massager according to claim 12 wherein plastic or rubber balls constitute the protective coverings.

14. (Original) A head massager according to claim 1 wherein a light is included in the electrical circuit.

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15. (Currently amended) A packaged head massager comprising:
a cardboard tube,
a first closure for one end of the tube,
a second closure for the other end of the tube comprising an integral plastic molded cup-shaped element defining an outer flange around its upper portion,
a series of intermittently spaced tabs vertically extending from its upper portion and a central cylindrical tube,
a head massager comprising a bundle of malleable rods having a top member within which the top end of the bundle of rods is fixed and the rods are free at the bottom end of the bundle, a handle including a top half and a bottom half articulated together, the bottom half defining a lower recess receiving the top member fixed therein, a motor having an output shaft on which is eccentrically mounted a magnet mounted in the bottom half with the eccentrically mounted magnet lying in juxtaposition to but spaced from the top member, a battery receiving plate mounted in the bottom half, an electrical circuit coupling the battery receiving plate and motor, a switch mounted in the bottom half, and a manually operable switch actuator mounted in the top half for actuating the switch to enable power to be supplied to the motor when batteries are mounted on the battery receiving plate, said bundle of rods extending through said central tube of the second closure and into the cardboard tube, the handle lying outside the cardboard tube resting on the central tube and spaced tabs, and a tubular plastic bag heat sealed at one end and open at the other end, the sealed end covering the handle ~~with~~, and the open end of the bag lying inside the cardboard tube is trapped between the second closure and the cardboard tube.

16. (Currently amended) A packaged head massager comprising:
a cardboard tube,
a first closure for one end of the tube,
a second closure for the other end of the tube comprising an integral plastic molded cup-shaped element defining an outer flange around its upper portion,
a series of intermittently spaced tabs vertically extending from its upper portion and a central cylindrical tube,

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a head massager comprising a bundle of malleable rods having a top member within which the top end of the bundle of rods is fixed and the rods are free at the bottom end of the bundle, and a handle including a top half and a bottom half articulated together, the bottom half defining a lower recess receiving the top member fixed therein, said bundle of rods extending through said central tube of the second closure and into the cardboard tube, the handle lying outside the cardboard tube resting on the central tube and spaced tabs, and a tubular plastic bag heat sealed at one end and open at the other end, the sealed end covering the handle with, and the open end of the bag lying inside the cardboard tube is trapped between the second closure and the cardboard tube.

17. (Currently amended) A head massager comprising:

a bundle of malleable rods having a top member within which the top end of the bundle of rods is fixed and the rods are free at the bottom end of the bundle; and

a handle including a top half and a bottom half articulated together, the bottom half defining a lower recess receiving the top member fixed therein, the bundle of rods having three different lengths.

18. (Original) A head massager according to claim 17 wherein a visual indicator is marked on the bundle of rods showing where bends occur during rod deployment.

19. (Original) A head massager according to claim 18 wherein one visual indicator is marked on the rods about $\frac{1}{4}$ of the length of the longest rods from the handle, and a second visual indicator is marked on the longest rods $\frac{3}{4}$ of their length from the handle.

20. (Original) A head massager according to claim 17 wherein protective coverings are mounted on the free ends of the rods.